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In re Application of

Patel et al.

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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed April 19, 2005, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant. No fee is required for this petition.

Applicants have satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile transmission to the general Office facsimile number.

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